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Attorney Docket No.	80710-1016
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Title	<b>SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR STORING ITEMS WITH CONTAINERS`</b>
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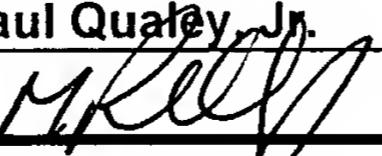
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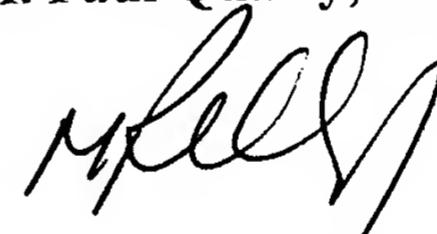
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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1002	2002	330	165	Design Filing Fee	
1003	2003	520	260	Plant Filing Fee	
1004	2004	750	375	Reissue Filing Fee	
1005	2005	160	80	Provisional Filing Fee	
<b>SUBTOTAL (1)</b>		<b>(\$375.00)</b>			

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Extra Claims	Fee From Below	Fee Paid
31	- 20** =	11
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1202	2202	18	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	2201	84	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	2203	280	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	2204	84	42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	2205	18	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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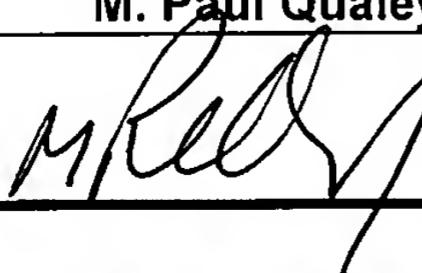
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1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
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1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive-unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive-unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
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1810	750	2810	375	For each add. invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
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